

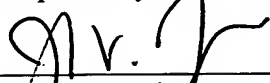
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and allowance of claims 1-27 in due course. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

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